

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S529–S629

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 294–309, and S. Res. 30. **Pages S578–79**

Ethics Bill: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S550–71**

Adopted:

Feinstein/Rockefeller Amendment No. 70 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report accompanying a measure unless the measure includes a general program description, funding level, and the name of the sponsor of that earmark. **Page S556**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 10), Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (to Amendment No. 11), to strengthen earmark reform. **Pages S567–68**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 11), DeMint Amendment No. 11 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the earmark reform, as amended. **Pages S567–68**

Withdrawn:

Feingold Amendment No. 32 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years and to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period. **Page S558**

Reid (for Feingold/Obama) Amendment No. 54 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions. **Page S558**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S550**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the gift and travel bans. (As modified, the amendment incorporates the provisions of Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 19.) **Pages S550, S569**

DeMint Amendment No. 12 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify that earmarks added to a conference report that are not considered by the Senate or the House of Representatives are out of scope. **Page S550**

DeMint Amendment No. 14 (to Amendment No. 3), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Page S550**

Vitter/Inhofe Further Modified Amendment No. 9 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit Members from having official contact with any spouse of a Member who is a registered lobbyist. **Page S550**

Leahy/Pryor Amendment No. 2 (to Amendment No. 3), to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption. **Page S550**

Gregg Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a legislative line item veto. **Page S550**

Ensign Amendment No. 24 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide for better transparency and enhanced congressional oversight of spending by clarifying the treatment of matter not committed to the conferees by either House. **Page S550**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 25 (to Amendment No. 3), to ensure full funding for the Department of Defense within the regular appropriations process, to limit the reliance of the Department of Defense on supplemental appropriations bills, and to improve the integrity of the congressional budget process. **Page S550**

Cornyn Amendment No. 26 (to Amendment No. 3), to require full separate disclosure of any earmarks in any bill, joint resolution, report, conference report or statement of managers. **Page S550**

Cornyn Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter. **Page S550**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S550**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S551**

Lieberman Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Pages S551, S560–62**

Bennett/McConnell Amendment No. 20 (to Amendment No. 3), to strike a provision relating to paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying.

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Thune Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 3), to require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy.

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Feinstein/Rockefeller Amendment No. 42 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report accompanying a measure unless the measure includes a general program description, funding level, and the name of the sponsor of that earmark.

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Feingold Amendment No. 31 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period.

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Feingold Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit former Members who are lobbyists from using gym and parking privileges made available to Members and former Members.

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Feingold Amendment No. 34 (to Amendment No. 3), to require Senate campaigns to file their FEC reports electronically.

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Durbin Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 3), to require that amendments and motions to recommit with instructions be copied and provided by the clerk to the desks of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader before being debated.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 45 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 72 hour public availability of legislative matters before consideration.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 46 (to Amendment No. 2), to deter public corruption.

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Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 48 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all recipients of Federal earmarks, grants, subgrants, and contracts to disclose amounts spent on lobbying and a description of all lobbying activities.

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Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 49 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all congressional earmark requests to be submitted to the appropriate Senate committee on a standardized form.

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Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 50 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as proposed.

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Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 51 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit Members from requesting earmarks that may financially benefit that Member or immediate family member of that Member.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 47 (to Amendment No. 3), to help encourage fiscal responsibility in the earmarking process.

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Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 3), to require disclosure of earmark lobbying by lobbyists.

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Reid (for Casey) Amendment No. 56 (to Amendment No. 3), to eliminate the K Street Project by prohibiting the wrongful influencing of a private entity's employment decisions or practices in exchange for political access or favors.

Pages S551, S559–60

Sanders Amendment No. 57 (to Amendment No. 3), to require a report by the Commission to Strengthen Confidence in Congress regarding political contributions before and after the enactment of certain laws.

Pages S552–54

Bennett (for Coburn) Amendment No. 59 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as proposed.

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Bennett (for Coleman) Amendment No. 39 (to Amendment No. 3), to require that a publicly available website be established in Congress to allow the public access to records of reported congressional official travel.

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Feingold Amendment No. 63 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years and to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period.

Pages S556–57

Feingold Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions.

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Feingold/Obama Amendment No. 76 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify certain aspects of the lobbyist contribution reporting provision.

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Feingold Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 4), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions.

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Bennett (for Lott) Amendment No. 78 (to Amendment No. 4), to only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds.

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Bennett (for Lott) Amendment No. 79 (to Amendment No. 4), to only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds.

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Bennett Modified Amendment No. 81 (to Amendment No. 4), to permit travel hosted by preapproved 501(c)(3) organizations.

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Obama/Feingold Amendment No. 41 (to Amendment No. 3), to require lobbyists to disclose the candidates, leadership PACs, or political parties for whom they collect or arrange contributions, and the aggregate amount of the contributions collected or arranged. **Pages S565–66**

Nelson (NE)/Salazar Amendment No. 71 (to Amendment No. 3), to extend the laws and rules passed in this bill to the executive and judicial branches of government.

During consideration of this measure today, the following action, also occurred:

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 12), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Reid Modified Amendment No. 4 (listed above). **Pages S566–67, S569**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2007; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, all time during the adjournment of the Senate and the recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, count against post-cloture time. **Page S628**

Appointments:

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Feinstein. **Page S628**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

John Wood, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Marine Corps. **Page S629**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S629**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S573**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S612–27**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S628**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—12) **Pages S568, S569**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S629.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WORKING FAMILIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic opportunity and security for working families and America's middle-class, after receiving testimony from Eileen Appelbaum, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Center for Women and Work, New Brunswick; Jacob S. Hacker, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; James A. Forbes, Jr., Riverside Church, New York, New York; and Anna R. Cablik, Anatek, Inc., Marietta, Georgia.

IRAQI REFUGEES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the plight of Iraqi refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and non-Iraqi refugees inside Iraq, after receiving testimony from Ellen Sauerbrey, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Captain Zachary J. Iscol, USMC, Foreign Military Training Unit, Marine Forces Special Operations Command; Lisa Ramaci-Vincent, Steven Vincent Foundation, New York, New York; Kenneth H. Bacon, Refugees International, and Michel Gabaudan, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, both of Washington, D.C.; and certain protected witnesses.